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Term 2, Week 1, May 2nd, 2019

DIARY DATES

Tuesday	7	May	Auskick commences
Friday	10	May	Cross Country Naracoorte
Tuesday	14	May	Finance Committee
Wednesday	15	May	Governing Council
Thursday	16	May	Assembly
Tuesday	21	May	Year 2 Concert

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. All students have settled back into their class routines which has been pleasing to see and we are looking forward to another positive term ahead. As expected, there are many interesting events and activities that will occur during the term, including the commencement of Auskick (Week 2), the Year 2 concert (Week 4) and the Year 6 & 7 Musical (Week 7).

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support our Sports Day at the end of last term. The weather was fantastic and all students are to be congratulated on striving for their best and showing great enthusiasm throughout the day. A thank you is also offered to several others who contributed to the success of the day: Mr McShane and Ms Cliff for helping students prepare and coordinating the planning of the events, our Sports Day Captains for their great job with assisting their team and the parent helpers who managed the food stalls. We also had a number of Yr 8 students from Mt Gambier High School who provided help in running the events.

On Monday our pupil free day involved our staff, along with teachers from Penola and Newberry Park Primary Schools, working with Maths consultant Ann Baker as a part of our ongoing partnership with her. During the day staff looked at several key concepts that closely connected with our current school priorities including designing challenging problem solving tasks and differentiating work for students. The opportunity to network with teachers from other schools was also helpful.

External School Review

The school has received the final copy of the report compiled by the review team as a result of last term's external review. The report summarises a range of positive aspects that are present within the school as well as some recommendations for future action. These recommendations complement our current school priorities and will be areas of focus over the next few years. Some of the areas that were highlighted as

strengths include:

- Students have high expectations of each other and are able to talk about their learning confidently.
- The existence of positive levels of trust within the broader school community.
- Teachers genuinely want to support students do their best and willingly undertake and share professional learning.
- The school has a positive culture and is well placed to take the next steps to work on the recommendations.

A copy of the external review is available on our website.

NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN assessments for students in Yrs 3, 5 and 7 will be held this term during Week 3. Please be aware of the testing schedule below:

Tuesday May 14th: Writing.
Wednesday May 15th: Reading Comprehension.
Thursday May 16th: Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.
Friday May 17th: Numeracy.

Due to the online nature of the assessments (except for Year 3 writing) testing will occur throughout the day. Catch up assessments will be scheduled across the week for students who are absent. If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN, including concerns about your child's participation, please speak to their class teacher as soon as possible.



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During the recent holiday break our student leaders represented Reidy Park at the Anzac Day and Kapyong Memorial Services.

Volunteer Recognition Presentation

At today's assembly a special presentation was made to one of our valued volunteers, Bob Childs. Bob, who turned 80 in April, is a regular helper at our school; he has been listening to reading almost every day for at least two years. He goes to many of our JP classes each week to listen to students read and has assisted with other reading programmes. He normally starts around 8.20am and signs out around recess.

We are very fortunate to have Bob as a helper and to acknowledge his efforts, a Minister for Education Volunteer Award was presented to him. On behalf of the school community, we would like to extend our thanks to Bob.

2019 Public Education Awards

Nominations for the 2019 Public Education Awards are now open. These awards provide an opportunity to recognise the dedication and commitment of our staff in supporting students' learning and wellbeing and acknowledge the positive impact teachers have in supporting their personal development. If you are considering nominating one of our staff, further information can be found at: www.education.sa.gov.au/awards

Nominations will be open until May 31st.

Assembly

A reminder that our next assembly for the term will be held on Thursday May 16th commencing at approximately 12.05pm. All family members are welcome (please do not enter the gym until the seating has been set up). Assemblies are held each fortnight.

Walk Safely to School Day

Our Student Leaders have nominated our school to participate in this activity. This community event encourages people to walk to school whilst also promoting road safety, health and the environment. Details are:

Date:

Friday 17th May

There are three different meeting points:

Shortest walk (850m):

Meet at Amphitheatre at the Railway Lands (Wehl St end).

Medium walk (1.2km):

Meet at the Cave Gardens (outside the Library)

Longest walk (1.4km):

Meet at Vansittart Park (near the public toilets).

Time:

Meet between 8am—8.15am. Walking to school will commence at 8.15am.

A staff member will be present at each meeting point. Parents are most welcome to join in.



Library News

During the school holidays the Library had an upgrade with the installation of new movable shelving and seating booths. The new design allows for a more flexible learning space. A huge thank you must go to Michelle Kuller, Mel Norman, Michelle Theobald, Taylah Cella and Di Miller who all have worked very hard to make sure that the Library was back up and running for the students on first day of Term. Thank you also to Helen Childs who came in to assist with the setting up of all the books. Thank you also to everyone who has contributed to school fundraising events over the past few years which has enabled this project to occur. If you get a chance, come and have a look at this amazing new space.

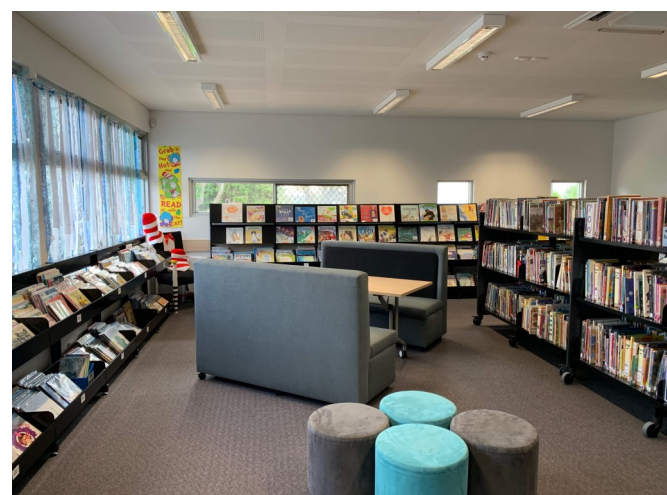


Esha and Lacey looking through the new picture fiction section of the Library.

Noah having a look at the new books.



Lincoln, Alex Ella & Layla enjoying reading their books at the new booths.



Woolworths Earn and Learn

'Earn & Learn' is back to make a difference for our school. We are really excited to let you know that this community program enables our school to earn educational resources when anyone from our school community shops at Woolworths. We are proud to partner with them to earn learning equipment and resources for our students. Taking part is easy too. Starting this week when anyone from our school community, staff, parents, friends shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. They'll get one sticker for every \$10 spent. Once they complete their sticker cards they can place them in a collection box, at either our Front Office or local Woollies store



Grant High School Tour Information



Auskick

Auskick commences next Tuesday 7th May. Sessions run from 3.30 - 4.30pm and will be held on the oval. At the beginning of each Auskick session children will need to be signed in at the front of the school gym by a parent or guardian. Volunteers and teachers will run the stations, but it is your responsibility to supervise your own child. If a child does not have a supervising parent or guardian present, they will not be able to participate. In the event of inclement weather the session will be called off at the earliest appropriate time. There may be some occasions where we cannot make this decision until 3.30pm; a message will be sent out via schoolstream for any cancellations. We are still seeking helpers to run the activity stations, if you can assist please let us know as soon as possible. Without this help Auskick would not be able to occur.

Amy Brown & Tamara Fleming, Auskick Co-ordinators

Values in Action Award

Room	Presented to	For
1	Blake A	Having the courage to make new friends and learn new routines.
2	Kane H	Having the courage to stretch his learning by having a go at all tasks.
3	Laycee G	Working hard to improve in all subject areas.
4	Kai W	Always showing care and respect to all his classmates.
5	Rose J	Amazing talent for writing and vocabulary.
6	Sahnjai H	Settling into class routine and trying his best in his learning.
7	Alyssa M	Showing respect at all times during learning time.
8	Harrison E	Nominated by his peers for being nice and challenging himself in his learning.
9	Bree R	Assisting the Year 2 classes with their concert preparation.
10	Travis R	Applying himself to all tasks and showing respect to all students.
11	Fletcher B	Actively participating in class discussions.
12	Annabel J	Having empathy and assisting others with their learning.
13	Mackenzie D Zarah S	Outstanding effort in her HASS presentation. Using her creative thinking to present an outstanding HASS response.
15	Claire S	Participating in all her lessons with enthusiasm and putting in her best effort with her learning.
16	Rubi W	Great sportsmanship on Sports Day.
17	Brodie A	Great effort in his work.
20	Bodhi G	His great effort on Sports Day and showing great sportsmanship.
21	Lara A	Her effort and enthusiasm with her reading.
22	Katie W	Always showing respect towards her teachers and classmates.
23	Flynn L	Improving his handwriting and using capitals and full stops.
24	Tate A	Great effort participating in Sports Day.
25	Preston B	Being a good friend.

Sports Day 2019

What a magnificent day we had on the last day of term for Sports Day. The children showed great determination and sportsmanship while competing for their respective teams. The Parent v Teachers v Student sprint relay was a wonderful race but in the end the students came out on top. In the Tug of War, the parents put up a great show against the students. Here are the final results for the day.

1st Place: Eaglehawk

2nd Place: Lava

3rd Place: Lake

4th Place: Willow

Championship Sprints Results			
Year Level	First	Second	Third
Reception Girls	Gracie W	Isla S	Aubrey H
Reception Boys	Bohdi G	Charlie W	Harry B
Year 1 Girls	Matilda P	Payson C	Alliarna A
Year 1 Boys	Sam M	Ben E	Fletcher E
Year 2 Girls	Sabrina S	Nevaeh B	Rubi W
Year 2 Boys	Drayven A	Darcy B	Aiden P
Year 3 Girls	Eliza H	Molly P	Jenna B
Year 3 Boys	Lincoln H	Chace V	Noah C
Year 4 Girls	Ebony T	Addison D	Evie E
Year 4 Boys	Wil F	Sam B	Akai G
Year 5 Girls	Livinia U	Sophie W	Lexi D
Year 5 Boys	Cruz Mc	Merlin H	Liam J
Year 6 Girls	Luca R	Chloe P	Brooke H
Year 6 Boys	Kade A	Aaron D	Riley E
Year 7 Girls	Leila C	Lara J	Ruby D
Year 7 Boys	Levi L	Mackye B	Ky Mc



Term 2 Planner 2019

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	29/4 Student Free Day	30/4	1/5	2/5 Newsletter Assembly	3/5
WEEK 2	6/5 Uniform Shop	7/5 Auskick	8/5	9/5	10/5 Cross Country Naracoorte
WEEK 3	13/5 Uniform Shop	14/5 Auskick NAPLAN	15/5 Governing Council	16/5 Newsletter Assembly	17/5 Walk Safely to School Day
WEEK 4	20/5 Uniform Shop	21/5 Auskick Year 2 Concert 7pm	22/5 School Tour 9.30 National Simultaneous Story time	23/5	24/5
WEEK 5	27/5 Uniform Shop National Reconciliation Week	28/5 Auskick	29/5	30/5 Newsletter Assembly	31/5
WEEK 6	3/6 Uniform Shop	4/6 Auskick	5/6	6/6	7/6
WEEK 7	10/6 Queens Birthday Public Holiday	11/6 Auskick	12/6	13/6 Newsletter Assembly	14/6 Year 6/7 musical 7.30pm
WEEK 8	17/6 Uniform Shop	18/6 Auskick	19/6 School Tour 9.30	20/6	21/6
WEEK 9	24/6 Uniform Shop	25/6 Auskick	26/6	27/6 Newsletter Assembly	28/6
WEEK 10	1/7 Uniform Shop NAIDOC Celebrations	2/7 Auskick	3/7	4/7	5/7 Last Day of Term 2